

Abstract of the Disclosure

To address the need for a communication unit, a communication
5 infrastructure, and method that extend battery life, the present invention
provides a special page message (200) that is transmitted toward the
beginning of a paging slot to indicate what groups of messages will be
transmitted in the paging slot. This message allows communication units
(e.g., 102-104) to determine near the beginning of the paging slot whether
10 they need to continue monitoring the paging slot for messages or pages
directed or of interest to them. The message also allows communication
units that continue monitoring the paging slot to determine when they can
cease the monitoring. Thus, communication units can return to a power-
saving sleep mode more quickly than the prior art.

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